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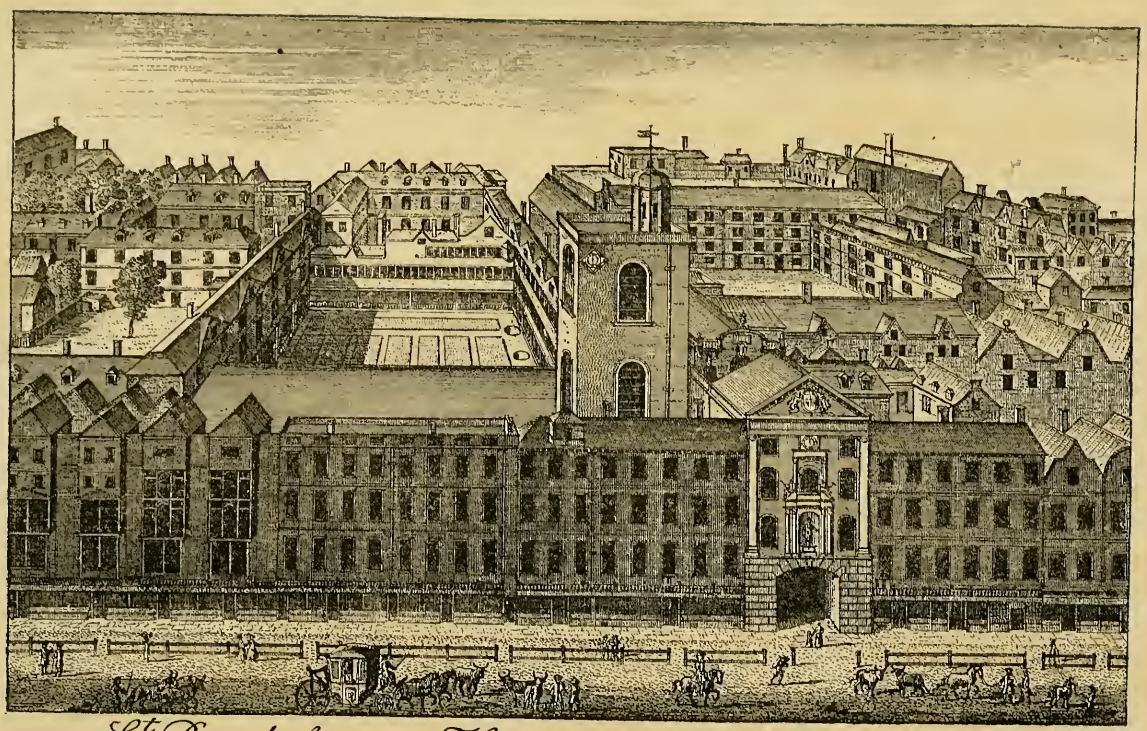

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PREFATORY NOTE.

AMONG my few treasures in the shape of old books, one of the most valued is a copy of the Rules which were drawn up for the government of St. Bartholomew's Hospital at the time at which it was refounded by King Henry VIII. It is dated 1652, and is a Reprint of the original Pamphlet which was first published in the reign of King Edward VI., and again printed in the year 1580. It is bound up with two other rare pamphlets; of which one is entitled, "Orders taken and enacted for Orphans and their Portions," and the other, "A Briefe Discourse of the laudable Customes of London." The whole have been evidently reprinted and published together, and are, apparently, in the original calf-binding. The title-page of my copy is here given in fac-simile; but I have reprinted only the Pamphlet which relates to St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The "Orders and Ordinances" are accompanied by a Preface written on behalf of the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London as a reply to "certain clamours and slanders raised by some ill-minded persons."

The voice of the Clerk, or other official, who, in this Preface, defends the Hospital Authorities, sounds pleasantly from the distance of more than three centuries, as he exhorts the good Reader to disregard the wickedness of Report which "is grown to such ranckness, that nothing almost is able to defend it selfe

against the venime thereof." And I have thought that many, to whom the original pamphlet is inaccessible, may be glad to possess a copy of it, and to learn how the Hospital was governed in the reign of Henry VIII. and for many years afterwards. Many points of great interest will strike all who read through the "charges" of the various officers of the Hospital; and much might be written on them by one who possessed the necessary antiquarian knowledge. To this, however, I can lay no claim, and, therefore, will leave the "Orders and Ordinances," without comment to speak for themselves.

W. MORRANT BAKER.

1st January 1885.

ORDERS
AND
ORDINANCES,
FOR
The better government of the Hoſpitall of BARTHOLOMEW the leſſe.

AS ALSO
Orders enacted for Orphans and their PORTIONS.
M D LXXX.

Together with
A Briefe DISCOURSE of the laudable Cuſtomes of *LONDON*.

LONDON,
Printed by JAMES FLESHER,
Printer to that Honourable City, 1652.

A Preface to the Reader.

THe wickednefs of report at this day, good Reader, is grown to fuch ranckneſs, that nothing almoft is able to defend it felfe againft the venime thereof; but that either with open flander, or privy whifpering, it fhall be fo undermined, that it fhall neither have the good fuccefs, which otherwife it might, nay the thanks which for the worthinefs it ought. It is better known by report unto the number, then weighed in effect almoft to any, that for the reliefe of the fore, and fick of the City of *London*, it pleafed the Kings Majefty of famous memory *Henry* the eight (father to this our moft dread Soveraign Lord now reigning) to erect an Hofpitall in *Weſt-Smithfield*, for the continuall reliefe and help of an hundred fore and difeafed. And the fame endowed with the yeerly revenues of five hundred Marks, to give unto the faid City and Citizens conditionally, that they alfo for their part, fhould adde other five hundred Marks by the yeer. Which thing with all due thankfulnefs, they received at his Majefties hands: And (for that they faw it proceed from his Highnefs, as well of moft charitable zeal toward the afflicted members, and his brethren in Chrift, as of a fingular favour toward the City) very gladly embraced the condition. Thinking it for their parts rather too little then enough. But when they had taken fuch furvey thereof, as was convenient for them in this cafe to do: Although the Kings Majefties endowment was after the rate of his Highnefs moft gracious gift, yet found they the nature of the fame, and the ftate of the whole, farre under that that they at the firft had hoped. The raifing of this five hundred Mark-rent, to lye onely in a certain of houfes, fome in great decay, and fome rotten ruinous: And fome other to whom better Tenants had happen-

ed, already leaſed out at term, and rent ſcant reaſonable for the behoof of the poor. So that firſt to make them again worth the wonted revenue, and then to continue them in the ſame, was no ſmall charge, and the help thereunto, which out of the better repaired might have grown, was by the former leaſes and rentings prevented. In the Hoſpitall it ſelfe (beſide the penſions iſſuing out of the ſaid five hundred Marks, and granted by the Letters Patents of his ſaid Highneſs to the Hoſpitaller there and to other the Miniſters of the ſame) was found ſo much of houſhold implements and ſtuffe, toward the ſuccouring of this hundred poor, as ſufficed three or four Harlots, then lying in childe-bed, and no more, yea, barely ſo much, if but neceſſary cleanlineſs were regarded, ſo farre had the godly meaning of the gracious King been abuſed at at thoſe dayes; and yet was little then ſmelled and leſs talked of. The good Citizens neverthelefs not ſo much diſcouraged with others evill doings, and the great fall of their hope, as moved with the duty of their enterpriſe and godly regard, not to their own poor and afflicted onely, but to all other ſore and diſeaſed, which daily out of all quarters of the Realm reſort to the City (as into a commune receipt and refuge of their miſery) proceeded with ſuch ſpeed as they could to the redreſs of all theſe decayes, diſorders and defaults; and beſtowed thereabout above their covenant of five hundred Marks yeerly, for their welcomming and beginning not much leſs than a thouſand pounds, whereby (together with other their good endevours) when they had won it to ſuch point, that it was fit to receive the number, and to ſuccour the ſame with all neceſſaries requiſite, and in ſuch caſe needful, and had indeed received, and daily maintained it at the full; certain buſie bodies more ready to eſpy occaſion how to blame other, then skilfull how to redreſs things blame-worthy indeed, yea, I fear me having all their zeal in their tongue onely, not contented privately one, and another, among their neighbours to hinder the profit of the poor, and to ſlander the good Citizens occupied thereabout, rounded into the eares of the Preachers alſo, their tender conſideration. Who being leſs circumſpect in crediting their matter miniſtrers then to men of

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ſuch calling appertaineth: and thinking peradventure if the City had done their duty herein, this Hoſpitall ſhould have made a generall ſweep of all poor and afflicted: As though this privy backbiting, could not ſo ſufficiently and weightily ſet forth this enormity of the Citizens, as ſeemed behovefull for the querele of charity, took upon them to give ſpeed and authority to the thing, each after his manner. So that the good Citizens, which now for theſe five yeers ſpace, have ſhunned for no loathſomeneſs, to adminiſter the reliefe without other gain then that Jeſus Chriſt God and man, promiſeth, and will undoubtedly pay, have here received nothing elſe but for a commune benefit, an open detraction, and the poor (as ſhall afterward appear) a larger hindrance. Where in the mean ſeaſon notwithſtanding, there have been healed of the Pocks, Fiſtulaes, filthy Blains and Sores, to the number of eight hundred, and thence ſafe delivered, that other having need might enter in their room. Beſide eight ſcore and twelve, that have there forſaken this life, in their intolerable miſeries and griefes, which elſe might have dyed, and ſtunck in the eyes and noſes of the City, for all theſe charity tenderers, if this place had not vouched ſafe to become a pump alone, to eaſe a commune abhorring. Wherein although they have at all hands ſo well deſerved, that hard it were with the moſt favourable report to requite it, yet for that they look for their reward another where, contented to paſs that in ſilence: It may juſtly be anſwered to all ſuch charity proctours, that if they well weighed theſe things already alledged, and the wages of the Chirurgions, and ſuch officers and ſervants, as needfully are attendant about the poor, the charges of bedding and ſhift for ſo many ſore, and diſeaſed; and the exceſſive prices of all things at this day, they might both marvell how ſo many are there relieved, and daily maintained: And with repentance, of that they have miſſaid, endevour themſelves with as much good report and praiſe, to advance both the deed and the dooers, to wipe away the ſlander, as they have to hinder them both by the contrary. But for as much as it is doubtfull, whether they will do as they may, and of conſcience are bounden, and the ſlander is ſo wide ſpred, that

a narrow remedy cannot amend it: It is thought good to the Lord Mayor of this City of *London*, as chief Patron and Governour of this Hoſpitall, in the name of the City, to publiſh at this preſent the overſeers and orders by him appointed; and from time to time practiſed, and uſed by twelve of the Citizens moſt ancient in their courſes, as at large in the proceſs ſhall appear, partly for the ſtay and redreſs of ſuch ſlander, and partly for that it might be an open witneſs, and knowledge unto all men, how things are adminiſtered there, and by whom. Wherein if any man judge more to be ſet forth in word, then in deed is followed, there be means to reſolve him. But if there be not ſo much ſet forth as is expedient, (as what thing at the firſt can attain to the top of perfectneſs?) or that any man ſpieth, ought in this order worthy to bee reformed, he ſhall not need to cry it at the Croſs, but ſhall finde thoſe at the Hoſpitall, that both gladly will and may reform it. And where yet by ſuch means occaſion is found, as tofore was ſignified, to withdraw mens charities, by reaſon that it is thought but folly to beſtow more reliefe where there is enough, for the number already: The City of their endleſs good will toward this moſt neceſſary ſuccour of their poor brethren in Chriſt, although at the firſt they ſeemed bound to the preciſe number of an hundred, and no more, wiſh all men to be moſt aſſuredly perſwaded, that if by any means poſſible they might, they deſire to enlarge the benefit to a thouſand, as ordinary as at this day the hundred are. Finally, they wiſh that all Almoiſners and Houſes of Almoiſe, known either by the name of Hoſpitall, or Savoy, might by theſe their doings, bee provoked to like endevour and benefit to the poor, that what one is not able alone to ſuccour, the other might in fellowſhip ſupply, at this time namely when the miſery of the poor moſt buſily ſeemeth to awake. The Lord Jeſus, kindle in us all, that faith that worketh by love, that we may indeed put on Chriſt our righteouſneſs before God, and not ſuffer him to lye up in Preſſe, that ſeeketh to be worn, to the glory of his Father, and ours, and to the Teſtimony of our hope laid up in him. *Amen.*

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THE Diviſion of the Governours, and Officers: the Names, and Nature of them both.

IT behoveth firſt to underſtand for the more evidentneſs of that that followeth, that there are in this adminiſtration, two ſorts, or kindes of men. The one called Governours (by a name proper to their Authority) placed there by the Lord Mayor, as Patron of this Hoſpitall: And the other called Officers, that for wages are hired, for to have the neceſſary doings in the ſervice of the houſe and the poor.

The Governours ſo change, that the one halfe remaineth two yeers in their governance, to help and inſtruct the later elected, which alſo become Inſtructers to their followers. And theſe are in number twelve, whereof four are Aldermen; and the reſidue Communers, and according to their governance, thus are they named.

The Preſident, alway the Seniour Alderman.

Surveyors four, two Aldermen, and two Communers.

Almoiſners four, one Alderman, and three Communers.

The

The Treaſurer a Communer.

Scrutiners, two, both Communers.

The Officers are ſeven in number, continuable or removable, as the governours ſhall finde cauſe, and bee thus called.

The Hoſpiteler.
The Renter Clerk.
The Butler.
The Porter.
The Matron.
The Siſters, twelve.
The Byddles, eight.

Theſe are alſo as in a kinde by themſelves, three Chirurgians in the wages of the Hoſpitall, giving daily attendance upon the cures of the poor.

And a Miniſter named the viſitour of *Newgate*, according to his office and charge.

The Governours are alwayes elected by the Lord Maior and his brethren, who yeerly electeth ſix, that is to ſay, two Aldermen, and four Commoners, which are admitted into the Hoſpitall, after this manner.

The whole Company of the twelve old Governours, ſitting in Aſſembly together, cauſe their Clerk to read unto the ſix newly elected, the charge hereafter following.

The Charge.

IT may pleaſe you to underſtand, that yee are here elected and choſen, as fellow governours of this Hoſpitall, to continue by the ſpace of two yeers: By all which time according to ſuch laudable degrees and ordinances

dinances as have been; and ſhall be made by the authority of the Lord Maior chiefe Patron hereof, in the name of the City, and the conſent of the governours for the time being, all your other buſineſs ſet apart as much as you poſſibly may: ye ſhall endevour your ſelves to attend onely upon the needfull doings of this houſe, with ſuch a loving and careful diligence, as ſhall become the faithfull Miniſters of God, whom ye chiefly in this vocation are appointed to ſerve; and to whom for your negligences or defaults herein ye ſhall render an accompt. For truly ye cannot be blameleſs before God, if after you have ſet hand to this good plough, and promiſed your diligence to the poor, ye ſhall contrarywiſe turn your head backward, and not perform the ſuccour that Chriſt looketh for at your hands, and hath witneſſed to be done to himſelfe, with theſe words: Whatſoever ye do to one of theſe needy perſons for my names ſake, the ſame ye do unto me. And contrarywiſe, if ye neglect and deſpiſe them, ye deſpiſe me. We therefore require and deſire every of you, on Gods behalfe, and in his moſt holy name, that ye endevour your ſelves to the beſt of your wits and powers, ſo to comfort, order, and govern this houſe, and the poor thereof, that at the laſt day, ye may appear before the face of God, as true and faithfull Stewards, and diſpoſers of all ſuch things, as ſhall for the comfort and ſuccour of them, (during the time of your office) be committed to your credite and charge. And this to do wee require you, faithfully to promiſe in the ſight of God, and hearing of your brethren. And ſo doing we here admit you into our fellowſhip.

That done and the new elected conſenting, and yeeld-

ing themſelves to the charge, the half of the governours that have already fulfilled their two yeers governance, to ſtand apart: and the other half that ſhall remain with the new elected, to take them by the hands after their degrees, and ſo admit them, and not to depart fellowſhip, before they have dined together all wholly, as well thoſe that come new, as thoſe that have governed their time, and thoſe that remain, every man at his own coſt and charge.

The Preſident.

THe Preſident of this Hoſpitall, is chiefe Ruler and Governour of the ſame, under the Lord Maior, who hath authority from time to time, to convocate and call together all the Governours for matters concerning the maintenance, and good ordering of the poor, and to demand of every of them, the account of their doings in their ſeverall offices; and with the aſſent and conſent of the ſaid Governours, to grant Leaſes, and Fees, and make neceſſary decrees, and ordinances.

The Treaſurer and his Charge.

ALl the Treaſure of this houſe, is committed to your charge, that is to ſay, all ſuch money as ſhall riſe and grow, either by rents, or by gifts to the uſe of this houſe, of the which ye ſhall keep a true and a juſt account. And it ſhall not be lawfull for you to pay any manner of perſon, any ſum or ſums of money, (except it be to the Steward of this houſe, for the victualling of the ſame; and

and the ordinary fees and wages that goeth out thereof:) but ye ſhall firſt have the names of thoſe perſons ſubſcribed to the ſaid ſum of money, under whoſe office and charge ſuch payment ſhall happen to riſe and grow, or the names of the moſt part of them.

Ye ſhall alſo keep one ſeverall account between the Renter and you, by which may appear, not onely the charge of the ſaid Renter and his arrerages, but alſo whether the rents of the lands pertaining to the ſaid houſe, encreaſe or decay.

Ye ſhall alſo yeerly the 20. day of *October* (within this Hoſpitall) yeeld and give up in writing unto the Preſident, & Governours of the ſame, a true and a perfect account of your whole charge, during the yeer of your treaſurerſhip; and then the ſaid Preſident and Governours, ſhall name and appoint among themſelves four to be auditours for ſame. And the ſecond day of *November* next following, ye ſhall likewiſe reſort to the ſaid Hoſpitall, at the houre of eight of the clock in the forenoon, that ye may then anſwer and clear your account, if any doubts or faults ſhall happen to ariſe or be found by the auditors of the ſame. And the ſame day, then and there ye ſhall declare unto the new Treaſurer that ſhall be appointed, the whole courſe and ſtate of the affaires, profits, and commodities of this houſe, in as large ſort as ye poſſibly can, and deliver unto him all ſuch ſums of money due to the houſe, as ſhall then reſt in your hands, and all ſuch acquitances, rentalls, and other writings, as neceſſarily ſhall appertain to the affaires of the ſaid houſe. And the ſame day to dine within the ſaid Hoſpitall, with the Governours thereof. And in recompence of your pains, ye ſhall be aſſured of the mer-

cies layed up for you in the promiſes, and bloud of Jesu Chriſt our Saviour.

Surveiours.

UNto you is committed the view of all the Lands, and Leaſes pertaining unto this houſe, as well ſuch as heretofore have been granted, as alſo hereafter ſhall be granted; and ye ſhall cauſe the ſame to be regiſtred in the repertery Book by the Clerk, from time to time, when, and as often as you ſhall aſſign him, to the intent that the governours of this houſe may alwayes be aſſured, what grants have paſſed them, and both whereunto they have bound themſelves, and alſo whereunto their Tenants are bound, that the Lands and Tenants may be looked unto accordingly. And ye ſhall adjoyn unto you the Treaſurer of this houſe for the time being, as a neceſſary aide in all your doings, for that he moſt chiefely hath experience of all the affaires and doings of this houſe. And for the better accompliſhing hereof, you or the greateſt part of you, ſhall meet every fourteen dayes in this houſe on the *Wedneſday*, at which time ye may warn the Tenants that have made default in none doing of reparations, or none payment of their rents or other to be before you, to take order with them, according to the Covenants expreſſed in their Leaſes. And your grant with the particulars of ſuch reparations as by you ſhall be allowed, to bee entered into a book with the name of the Tenant and Tenement; whereunto you or the moſt part of you ſhall ſubſcribe your names, and then commit the overſight thereof to the Renter, ſo that it be agreed, that one or more of you may

may viſite and peruſe the ſame in ſuch wiſe as the greatneſs or quantity of the thing will require.

Alſo every yeer at the Feaſt of Saint *Michael* the Archangell, two new Surveyors to be choſen; and the old with the new to make the 12. day of *October* following, or within two dayes before or after, a generall view and ſurvey of all the Lands appertaining to this house, and truly to keep a Book of the defaults thereof; and for your pains taking here, God hath promiſed to give you reſt and pleaſure in heaven perpetually.

Almoners.

YOu ſhall every *Monday* come unto this houſe or oftner if you ſhall think good, but at the leaſt once in the week: Alwayes provided not on the *Saturday*, for that day ſpecially ſhall be reſerved, and kept for the ſeſſion of the Preſident, and Governours of this houſe, for the generall affaires of the ſame.

And at every time of your being here, if there bee cauſe why, ye ſhall call before you every particular officer of this houſe, and enquire if every man do his duty therein according to his charge, and whether there bee peace and quietneſs maintained in the ſame. And if ye ſhall at any time finde any diſordered perſon or perſons, then to take ſuch order with him or them for their better reformation, as to you ſhall ſeem moſt meet. And if any refuſe to be ordered by you, then to make ſuch perſon known to the Preſident, and the reſt of the Governours, that further order may be taken by the whole houſe.

Ye ſhall alſo diligently enquire, if the Chirurgians of

this houſe do their duty toward the poor without corruption or partiality, and calling them before you, yee ſhall enquire what number there were healed that week, and the ſame deliver, and reward, according to your diſcretions, and of the ſame rewards to have your allowance of the Treaſurer, ſo that ye deliver unto him the particulars thereof, ſigned with the hands of two of you at the leaſt. And in the places of the poor ſo departed, to admit other, in ſuch ſort and manner, as in the charge of the Hoſpitaler is mentioned and declared.

Ye ſhall view from time to time this houſe, keeping one entire and perfect Inventary of the utenſils and neceſſary implements thereof, in a Book, as well that proviſion may be made in due time, for ſupplying that which ſhall be found to lack, as alſo in due time to provide for Wood, Coale, and other neceſſary furniture. And whatſoever elſe ſhall ſeem needfull unto you for the benefit of the poor, as the enlarging of rooms, or encreaſing the number of beds, the ſame ye ſhall ſignifie to the Preſident and Governours, that by one aſſent it may be decreed, and by you finiſhed and performed.

Ye ſhall alſo see unto the keeping ſweet of the poor, and in your proper perſons viſit them once every week at the leaſt, and to ſee that their ſervice of bread, meat, and drink, be truly and faithfully delivered unto them. And for your labours and pains, ye ſhall be ſure of the reward that God hath promiſed to all them that ſuccour his members.

Scrutiners.

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YE ſhall bee ready and diligent to make ſearch and enquiry from time to time for all ſuch Gifts, Legacies, and bequeſts, as have been, or ſhall be given, or bequeathed to the ſuccour and comfort of the poor of this houſe. And the ſame receive at the hands of the givers or executors, together with a bill of the ſum, ſubſcribed with their names that make payment, or deliverance thereof: the which Bill, and money, ye ſhall forthwith deliver unto the Treaſurer of this houſe, receiving his acquitance for the ſame, keeping nevertheleſs a Book your ſelves, wherein ye ſhall enter and regiſter all ſuch charity, the givers, the time and the ſum; and for all ſuch ſum or ſums of money, as by you, or any of you, ſhall be procured, had, or received, ye ſhall (if it be required) make unto the givers, or deliverers thereof, an acquitance in your own names, as the Governours and Scrutiners of this houſe.

And yeerly at the Election of the new Governours into this houſe, ſhall be elected one new Scrutiner, and the old Scrutiner that ſhall be removed, ſhall make delivery unto the new Scrutiners, of all ſuch Records, Bills, and Writings as concern the affairs of this houſe. And alſo at the audite of the Treaſurers account, the Scrutiners Book of gifts and bequeſts, ſhall in like manner be examined and allowed.

Finally ye ſhall in every place where you ſhall have occaſion to come in the company of good, vertuous, and wealthy men, to the uttermoſt of your power, commend and ſet forth the good order of this houſe, and how

how rightly the goods given to the poor, are here beſtowed, to the encouragement of other to extend their charity thereunto. Ye ſhall alſo as occaſion and opportunity ſerveth, move thoſe that have the Office of Preaching committed to them, that they may the rather provoke the devotions of the people, to the help and comfort of this houſe. And thus doing, you ſhall not loſe the reward that God hath promiſed to all them that ſeek to glorifie and reverence his name in his poor members.

An admonition to the Auditours.

IN to your audite muſt be brought theſe ſorts of Books, firſt the Hoſpitall Book, being in the cuſtody of the Hoſpitaler, to which alſo ye ſhall look, that every page or totall ſum thereof be ſubſcribed with two of the hands of the Almoners: And this Book ſhall ye confer with the Stewards Book, who firſt maketh the proviſions. Ye muſt alſo have the Scrutiners Book, to examine the account of the Treaſurer for money delivered unto him by gifts and bequeſts. Alſo the Book of Survey, to confer the Bills brought in by the Treaſurer with the allowances of reparations, expreſſed in the ſaid Book. Alſo ye ſhall demand of the Renter, his rentall for that yeer, not forgetting always to charge him with the arrerages that remaine the yeer before, (if any be) and to confer the ſums of money, received by the Treaſurer, with the charge and account of the ſaid Renter. And laſtly to have ſpeciall regard, if any ſum of money have been payed by the Treaſurer, by any decree or generall order of this houſe, to look in the Journall for the ſame.

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And thus in the whole affaires of this houſe, ſhall yee perfectly be inſtructed.

An Order for the ſafe keeping of the evidences and writings appertaining to the Hoſpitall.

THere ſhall one faire and ſubſtantiall cheſt be provided, and the ſame be ſet in the moſt convenient and ſureſt place of the houſe, the which ſhall have three ſeverall locks, and three keyes, whereof the Preſident alwayes to have one, and the Treaſurer one, and a Communer appointed by the whole houſe, to have the third. And it ſhall not be lawfull to any of the Governours to have any ſpecialty, evidence, or writing, out of the ſaid cheſt, neither any other perſon, to carry any of them out of the houſe (no, though it be for the affaires of the ſaid houſe) but onely a Copy thereof, which ſhall be taken in the preſence of the three perſons above named, that have the keyes, and the originall forthwith to be locked up againe.

Officers of Houſhold, with their particular charge.

The Renter Clerk and his charge.

YOur office is, with all care and diligence to collect and gather the Rents due of the Lands and Tenements appertaining to this houſe, and of all ſums of money ſo by you collected and gathered, to make deliverance and payment to the Treaſurer of this houſe, for the time being, receiving his acquitance for your diſcharge.

You ſhall alſo once every week at the leaſt, reſort unto the Preſident of this houſe, or to the Treaſurer thereof, for the knowledge of the affaires of the ſame, and at every of the ordinary ſittings of the Governours in this houſe, for the affaires thereof, as well at the dayes appointed for the aſſembly of the Surveyors and Almoners, as alſo when the Preſident, and all the Maſters ſhall aſſemble, ye ſhall give your attendance, that from time to time, ye may enter, and regiſter all ſuch decrees, orders and determinations, as by them and every of them in their ſeverall charges ſhall be decreed, ordained, and determined.

And for that, the good order and governance of this houſe may the better appear, as well to the governours now being, as to all other worthy perſonages, that hereafter ſhall govern, or ſhall deſire the certainty thereof, it ſhall be requiſite that ye keep diligently four ſeverall Books, the names whereof, and the uſe are here deſcribed.

A Repertory.
A Book of Survey.
A Book of Accounts.
A Journall.

And firſt you ſhall note that before every of theſe Books ye muſt have a Calender, into the which ye may enter by order of Letters of the A. B. C. all proper names and matters, that ſhall be contained in every of them. And for the better accompliſhing hereof, yee ſhall with your pen in the head of the leafe, number the pages of every leafe, in every of theſe Books, and then adding in your Calender the number of the page, where the

the name or matter is entred in your Book, the reader without any difficulty may turn to the ſame.

The uſe of the firſt Book called a Repertory.

INto this Book ſhall ye firſt enter the foundation of this Hoſpitall, and alſo all Deeds, Leaſes, Obligations, acquitances, and other ſpecialties: uſing alwayes in the margent of the ſaid Book, to note in a few Engliſh words the ſum, and content, of every article of thoſe writings that ſhal appear note-worthy and the ſame notes particularly to enter into their ſeverall and proper places of your Calender, according to the order of the A. B. C.

The uſe of the ſecond Book, called a Book of Survey.

FIrſt in a ſeverall leafe, yeerly before ye enter any other thing into this Book, yee ſhall make an abſtract of the names and ſurnames of every of thoſe Tenants, to whom this houſe is bound to do reparations, and alſo of them that are bound to finde their own reparations, noting in the margent, the leafe of your Repertory, where every of their Leaſes is entred. Alſo every yeer when the Surveiours ſhall ſurvey the Lands of this houſe, yee ſhall be attendant upon them, and aptly and plainly enter into this book all ſuch defaults as by them ſhall bee found, in the time of their view, making a diſtinct difference between Tenants at will, and Tenants by Leaſe, and alſo between thoſe, to whom this houſe is bound to finde reparations, and ſuch as have bound themſelves to reparations.

Alſo ye ſhall diligently enter into this book, all ſuch

orders and grants of reparations or other, as the Surveyours from time to time ſhall make or take with the Tenants.

And every yeer when the Treaſurer ſhall bring in his account, and before the Auditours ſhew ſuch bills of reparations, ſigned with two of the hands of the Surveiours, as he hath payed, ye ſhall after the admiſſion of the ſaid bills by the Auditours, enter every of them into this book particularly under this title.

Reparations done in the yeer that A. B. was Treaſurer of this Hoſpitall (that is to ſay) from the Feaſt of Saint *Michael* in the fifth yeer, &c.

And then ſhall ye write firſt the name and ſurname of the Tenant, the Tenement, and the day of the moneth, and then the reparations. And thus ſhall ye do with all other. And it is to be noted, that in your Calender muſt be entred the name of every Treaſurer, and the leaf where the reparations brought in his account are entred. And next after the reparations, ye ſhall enter yeerly your whole rentall, being firſt examined by the Surveyours, and having two of their names at the leaſt, ſubſcribed thereunto. And in a particular and plain manner ye ſhal expreſs and declare the encreaſe of Rents that yeer, and that ſhall yee enter into your Calender under this title, *Augmentation of Rents*, titling from leafe to leafe, where the ſaid encreaſings be noted; and in like manner ſhall ye do with Rents decayed, entring them into your Calender by this word, *Decayed Rents*; likewise with Tenements or Rents altered or changed, by this name *Alteration of Rents.*

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The uſe of the third Book, called a Book of Accounts.

IN this Book ye ſhall firſt enter all the Accounts (being allowed by the auditours) of all the Treaſurers that have been ſince this Hoſpitall was firſt committed to the City of London. And from henceforth at the foot of every account made by the Treaſurer, ye ſhall expreſly and plainly adde, and enter the arrerages of the Renter for that yeer, which alſo firſt by the auditours ſhall bee examined, and ſubſcribed as aforeſaid.

And foraſmuch as in all accounts, divers and many things at ſundry times, are requiſite to be known, ye shall therefore in your Calender firſt note the name of the Treaſurer, with the leafe where his account is entered, and alſo in the margent at the entrance of the ſaid account, ye ſhall note the leafe of your Book of Survey, where the reparations mentioned in the ſame account, are particularly entered.

And for the ready finding of every matter, contained in every account, ye ſhall in the margent of this book uſe as is aforeſaid, to note divers generall words, *Accompts*, *Proviſions*, *Liveries*, *Gifts*, *Legacies*, *Rewards*, *Agreements*, *Surrenders*, *Bargains*, *Suits*, *Recoveries*, *Penſions*, *Fees*, &c. Adding to every one of theſe being placed in your Calender, the leaf where every of them is mentioned in any of the accounts contained in this book, that at a word may be ſeen what hath been done in all theſe things, from the firſt Treaſurer to the laſt.

And for a perfect declaration of the whole affairs of this houſe, ye ſhall alſo out of another book (which ſhall

containe the doings of the Almoners, and ſhall be called the Hoſpitall book) enter into this book of accounts, as well a perfect Inventary of all ſuch Implements, as then ſhall be found within this Hoſpitall: as alſo a full remainder of all the proviſions and victuals firſt ſubſcribed by two of the ſaid Almoners. And in the end ye ſhall manifeſtly declare the names and ſurnames of ſo many diſeaſed perſons, as that yeer have been cured and delivered out of this houſe, and alſo the names and ſurnames of ſo many as that yeer have dyed in the houſe. The names and ſurnames alſo of as many as then ſhall remain ſick and diſeaſed in this houſe, together with the name of the ſhire wherein each was born, and their faculties, exerciſe, or occupations.

The uſe of the fourth book called a Journall.

THis book muſt alſo have a Calender, and it ſhall alwayes be brought forth at ſuch time as the Preſident and moſt part of the Governours ſhall ſit within this Hoſpitall, for the generall affaires of the ſame. And into this book ſhall ye enter all ſuch orders and decrees, as from time to time, ſhall by the ſaid Governours, or greateſt part of them, be decreed and ordained. And in the margent thereof, ye ſhall do as before is aſſigned in the book of Repertory, in few words ſet forth the ſum of every decree, order, &c. contained therein. And chiefely ye ſhall uſe the generall words before deſcribed in the book of accounts, that by the entrance of them into your Calender, every matter may eaſily and readily be found. And ye ſhall not faile, but in five dayes next after the enterance of any thing into this book, to

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enter the ſame by a general word into the Calender, that as well when you are abſent, as preſent, the governours may without difficulty be ſatisfied of that they ſeek for therein.

The officer of the Hoſpitaler.

YOur office is chiefely and moſt principally to viſit the poor in their extremes and ſickneſſes, and to miniſter unto them the moſt wholſome and neceſſary doctrine of Gods comfortable word, as well by reading and preaching as alſo by miniſtring the Sacrament of the holy Communion at times convenient.

To receive alſo into this houſe, of the Steward, to the uſe of the ſame poor, ſuch victuals and other proviſion as by him ſhall be provided, entring the ſame into your book, and ſafely to keep them to their uſe.

Alſo to deliver unto the Cook of this houſe, from time to time, ſo much of the ſame victuals, as ſhall be needfull for the preſent time, to be dreſſed for the poor. And the ſame being dreſſed to ſee ſeaſonably, and truly delivered, and diſtributed unto them.

Alſo whenſoever any poor perſon ſhall be here preſented or ſued for, to be admitted into this houſe, you ſhall receive the ſame preſentation, calling unto you, two of the Chirurgians of this houſe, to view and examin the diſeaſe of the ſaid perſon, whether it be curable or not curable; if they Judge it curable, then you, by a bill of your hand, to certifie the name, and ſurname of the ſaid diſeaſed perſon, unto the Almoners, or two of them at the leaſt, deſiring them to ſubſcribe their names thereunto, and that being done, you to keep upon a file the ſame

ſame bill for your warrant. And then ye ſhall commit the ſame poor to the Matron of this houſe, to bee placed accordingly as the caſe ſhall require.

Alſo at the admiſſion of every poor perſon into this Hoſpitall, ye ſhall enquire what money, or other things of value he, or ſhe hath, and the ſame together with his, or her name, to enter into your book, & you to receive and ſafely keep the ſame to the uſe of the ſame poor, to bee delivered again unto him, her, or them, when they ſhall be cured out of this houſe. And monethly to deliver to the ſaid Almoners, a copy of your book of entrances, that they may regiſter the ſame in the book of their ordinary doings. And if any ſuch poor fortune do deceaſe and dye in this houſe, then you to deliver all ſuch money and other things, as ſhall be in your cuſtody, to the Treaſurer of this houſe for the time being, entering the ſame into your book, to be committed, and diſpoſed, to the uſe of the poor.

And as often as any of the poor ſhall bee cured and made whole, you with the Chirurgians to preſent them to the Almoners of this houſe, at their next aſſembly here, and to regiſter in your book their names and ſurnames of them, and every of them, with the day and yeere of their delivery, and departure out of this houſe. And at their departure to give unto them a paſſe-port, to be made according to the Precedent and form that is expreſſed in the end of this book.

This is your charge, and ye have not to do with any other thing in this houſe. Howbeit, if ye ſhall perceive at any time, any thing done by any Officer of this houſe, or other perſon, that ſhall maintain diſorder, or procure ſlander to this houſe, that ye then declare the ſame to ſome,

ſome, one or two of the governours of this houſe, and to none other perſon, and no further to meddle therein.

The office of the Steward and Butler.

YOur charge is faithfully and truly to make proviſion of ſuch needfull victuals, as from time to time yee ſhall be appointed by the Almoners to provide, for the poor of this houſe, remembring alwayes that wherein ſo ever you ſhall hinder, or negligently burden this houſe, either with exceſſive prices, or not making your proviſion in due time, the ſame dammage and hurt you do unto GOD whoſe members the poor are, and therefore yee ought the rather to ſtudy to ſerve in this houſe with fear of God, and conſcience, as one that manifeſtly and plainly walketh before the face of God, who perfectly ſeeth and beholdeth the very thoughts of your heart.

Your charge is alſo to keep a true, and perfect account of all ſuch victuals as by you ſhall be bought, and to make deliverance of the ſaid victuals unto the Hoſpitaler of this houſe, declaring unto him the juſt weight, number, and prices of the ſame, that he may make due and true entrance and account thereof.

Alſo at all ſuch times as ſhall be needfull for the poor, to be ſerved of their ordinary meales or otherwiſe, either of Bread or Drink, yee ſhall not be abſent, but with all diligence and readineſs ye ſhall give your attendance.

Ye ſhall have to do in none other mans office in this houſe, but onely with your own in manner as is above deſcribed. But if yee ſhall perceive at any time, any thing done by any officer or other perſon of this houſe, that ſhall be unprofitable thereunto, or that may be oc-

caſion of any diſorder, or ſhall engender ſlander to the ſame: That then ye declare the thing to ſome one or two of the Governours of this houſe, and to none other perſon, nor farther to meddle therein.

The Office of the Matron.

YOur office is to receive of the Hoſpitaler of this houſe, all ſuch ſick and diſeaſed perſons, as he by his warrant ſigned from the Almoners of this houſe, ſhall preſent unto you, and the ſame perſons to beſtow in ſuch convenient places within this houſe, as you ſhall think meet.

You have alſo the charge, governance, and order of all the Siſters of this houſe, to ſee from time to time, that every of them in the wards committed to their charge, do their duty unto the poor, as well in making of their beds, and keeping their wards, as alſo in waſhing and purging their unclean clothes, and other things. And that the ſame Siſters every night after the houre of ſeven of the clock in the Winter, and nine of the clock in the Sommer, come not out of the womans ward, except ſome great and ſpeciall cauſe (as the preſent danger of death, or needfull ſuccour of ſome poor perſon.) And yet at ſuch a ſpeciall time it ſhall not be lawfull for every Siſter to go forth to any perſon or perſons (no though it be in her ward,) but onely for ſuch as you ſhall think vertuous, godly and diſcreet. And the ſame Siſter to remaine no longer with the ſame ſick perſon, then needfull cauſe ſhall require.

Alſo at ſuch times as the Siſters ſhall not be occupied about the poor, ye ſhall ſet them to ſpinning, or doing

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of ſome other manner of work, that may avoid idleneſs, and be profitable to the poor of this houſe.

Alſo ye ſhall receive the flax provided by the Governours of this houſe, and the ſame being ſpun by the Sifters, ye ſhall commit to the ſaid Governours, that they may both put order for the weighing of the ſame to the Weaver, and for the meaſuring of it at the returning thereof.

You ſhall alſo as the chiefe Governereſſe, and worthy Matron of this houſe, have ſpeciall regard to the good ordering and keeping of all the Sheets, Coverlets, Blankets, Beds, and other implements committed to your charge, that now do or hereafter ſhall appertain unto the poor.

Alſo ye ſhall ſuffer no poor perſon of this houſe to ſit and drink within your houſe at no time, neither ſhall yee ſo ſend them drink into their wards, that thereby drunkenneſs might be uſed and continued among them, but as much as in you ſhall lye, ye ſhall exhort them to vertue and temperance, declaring this houſe to be appointed for the harbour and ſuccour of the deer members of Chriſts body, and not of drunkards, and unthankfull persons.

Herewith yee are charged, and not with any other thing. But if there ſhall bee any thing done by any officer or other perſon of this houſe, that ſhall be unprofitable thereunto, or that may be occaſion of any diſorder, or ſhall engender ſlander to the ſame, that yee then declare it to ſome one or two of the Governours of this houſe, and to none other perſon, nor no further to meddle therein.

The Siſters.

YOur charge is, in all things to declare and ſhew your ſelves gentle, diligent, and obedient to the Matron of this houſe, who is appointed and authorized to bee your chief Governereſſe and Ruler.

Ye ſhall alſo faithfully and charitably ſerve, and help the poor in all their griefes and diſeaſes, as well by keeping them ſweet and clean, as in giving them their meats and drinks, after the moſt honeſt and comfortable manner. Alſo ye ſhall uſe unto them good and honeſt talk, ſuch as may comfort and amend them, and utterly to avoyd all light, wanton, and fooliſh words, geſtures and manners, uſing your ſelves unto them with all ſobriety and diſcretion. And above all things ſee that ye avoyd, abhor and deteſt ſcolding, and drunkenneſſe, as moſt peſtilent and filthy vices.

Ye ſhall not haunt or reſort to any manner of perſon out of this houſe, except ye be licenced by the Matron, neither ſhall yee ſuffer any light perſon to haunt or uſe unto you, neither any diſhoneſt perſon, either man or woman, and ſo much as in you ſhall lye, ye ſhall avoid and ſhun the converſation and company of all men.

Ye ſhall not be out of the womans ward, after the hour of ſeven of the clock in the night, in the winter time, nor after nine of the clock at night, in the Sommer; except yee ſhall be appointed and commanded by the Matron ſo to be for ſome great and ſpeciall cauſe that ſhall concern the poor, (as the preſent danger of death or extream ſicknes) and yet ſo being commanded, yee ſhall remain no longer with ſuch diſeaſed perſon, then juſt cauſe ſhall require. Alſo

Alſo if any juſt cauſe of grief ſhal fortune unto any of you, or that ye ſhall ſee lewdneſs in any officer, or other perſon of this houſe, which may ſound or grow to the hurt or ſlander thereof, ye ſhall declare the ſame to the Matron, or unto one or two of the Governours of this houſe, that ſpeedy remedy therein may be had, and to none other perſon, neither ſhal you talk or meddle therein any further. This is your charge, and with any other thing you are not charged.

The Chirurgians.

YOur charge is, faithfully and truly to the uttermoſt of your knowledge and cunning, to help to cure the griefes and diſeaſes of the poor of this Hoſpitall, ſetting aſide all favour, affection, gain or lucre, and that as well to the pooreſt deſtitute of all friends and ſuccours, as to ſuch as ſhall peradventure be better friended, yee ſhall with all favour and friendſhip procure the ſpeedy recovery of their health.

Alſo for your ſtipend and fee, given and paid out of this houſe, yee ſhall be ready at the commandement of the Almoners of this houſe, and Hoſpitaler of the ſame, to view and look upon ſuch diſeaſed perſons, as here from time to time ſhall be preſented. And after your view to ſignifie to the ſaid Almoners or Hoſpitaler, your Judgement of the ſaid diſeaſed perſon, without all affection, whether he or ſhe be curable or not, to the intent there may be none admitted into this houſe, that ſhall be incurable, to the great let and hinderance of the curing and helping of many other; nay, none rejected and put back that are curable, to the great ſlander of this houſe, and diſpleaſure of God.

Alſo at all ſuch times as ye ſhall goe to the dreſſing of any diſeaſed perſon in this houſe, as much as in you is, ye ſhall give unto him or her, faithfull and good counſell, willing them to minde to ſin no more, and to bee thankfull unto Almighty GOD, for whoſe ſake they are here comforted of men. And above all things, ye ſhall take nor receive of no perſon, any gift or reward for the curing or helping of them, either of them, or their friends, but yee ſhall firſt make the ſame offer or reward known unto the Almoners of this houſe.

Alſo we utterly forbid and command you, that yee by no colour peſter or burden this houſe with any ſick or diſeaſed perſon, for the curing of which perſon, ye before have received a ſum or ſums of money, upon pain to be diſmiſſed this houſe.

This is your charge and office, with the which ye have to do, and not with any other thing, neither with any other office in this houſe. But if you ſhall perceive at any time, any thing done by any officer or other perſon of this houſe, that ſhall be unprofitable thereunto, or that may be occaſion of any diſorder, or ſhall engender ſlander to the ſame, that ye then declare it to the Almoners, or one of them, and no farther to meddle therein.

The Office of the Porter.

YOur charge is, to keep the doors, opening and ſhuting them in due time, and to give good heed to all ſuch perſons as ſhall at any time paſſe to and fro out of this houſe, as well for the conveighing, or embezelling of any thing that appertaineth to the poor of this houſe, as Wood, Coale, Bread, Meat or Drink, as alſo for all

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ſuſpicious perſons, as men to reſort to the womens ward, or women to the mens wards, or ſuch ſuſpicious men to reſort unto the men, or women, to the women, as ſhall be thought to bee pety pickers, or perſons otherwiſe of naughty diſpoſition.

And alſo every night at the hour of ſeven of the clock in the Sommer, yee ſhall go into every ward where the poor men be, and ſee them in good order; and ſuffer no Siſter, nor other woman to remain among them (except juſt cauſe be declared by the Matron) and cauſe them to ſay the appointed Prayers.

And whatſoever poor perſon ſhall be found a ſwearer or an unreverent uſer of his mouth, towards God or his holy name, or a contemner of the Matron, or other officer of this houſe, or that ſhall refuſe to go to bed at the lawfull houres before appointed, him ſhall ye puniſh (after once warning given) in the ſtocks, and further declare his follie unto the Almoners of this houſe, that they may take ſuch order with him or them, as ſhall ſeem meet by their diſcretions.

Ye ſhall alſo be diligent and ready from time to time, to do ſuch other things, as the Governours of this hou ſe ſhall aſſign and appoint you. This is your charge, an d more you have not to do, but if ye perceive at any time, any thing done by any officer of this houſe, or othe r perſon that ſhall maintain diſorder, or procure ſland er to this houſe, that ye then declare the ſame to ſome one or two of the Governours of this houſe, and to n one other perſon, and no further to meddle therein.

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The Bedells.

YOur office and charge is to give attendance from time to time, upon the Governours of this houſe, and to do ſuch buſineſſe as they ſhall aſſign you.

And alſo all ſuch dayes as the Governours of this houſe ſhall not ſit in this Hoſpitall for the affaires of the ſame, ye ſhall ſeparate and divide your ſelves into ſundry parts and liberties thereof, every man taking his ſeverall walk. And if in any of your walks yee ſhall happen to eſpy any perſon infected with any lothely griefe or diſeaſe, which ſhall fortune to lye in any notable place of this City, to the noyance and infection of the paſſers by, and ſlander of this houſe, yee ſhall then give knowledge thereof unto the Almoners of this Hoſpitall, that they may take ſuch order therein as to them ſhall be thought meet.

Ye ſhall alſo have a ſpeciall eye and regard unto all ſuch perſons, as have been cured and healed in this houſe, that none of them counterfeit any griefe or diſeaſe, neither begge within the City and liberties thereof. And if ye ſhall fortune to finde any ſo doing, ye ſhall immediately commit him, or them, to ſome Cage, and give knowledge thereof to the Governours of this houſe, that they may take further order, as they ſhall think beſt.

Ye ſhall not haunt nor frequent the company of any poor and beggerly perſons (that is to ſay) to drink or eat with them in any victualling houſe, or other place, neither ſhall yee receive any bribe or reward of any of them, leſt by occaſion thereof ye ſhould winck at them, and ſo lewdly licence them to begge, upon pain to be diſmiſſed this houſe.

Alſo

Alſo ye ſhall not ſuffer any ſturdy or idle begger or vagabound, to begge or ask almes within this City of *London*, or Suburbes of the ſame, but yee ſhall forthwith commit all ſuch to ward, and immediatly ſignifie the name and ſurname of him or them, to the Alderman of that ward, where ye ſhall apprehend any ſuch begger, or elſe to the Lord Mayor, that execution may be done as the Law in that caſe hath provided. This is your charge.

The viſitour of Newgate.

YOur charge is faithfully and diligently to viſit all the poor and miſerable captives within the Priſon of *Newgate*, and miniſter unto them ſuch ordinary ſervice at times convenient, as is appointed by the kings Majeſties book for ordinary Prayer.

Alſo that ye learn without book the moſt wholſome ſentences of holy Scripture, that may comfort a deſperate man, that readily ye may miniſter them to ſuch perſons as yee ſhall perceive them moſt needfull to be miniſtred unto.

Alſo yee ſhall faithfully and truly uſe and bear your ſelf between party and party, excluding bribes and all other corruption, that is to ſay, between the priſoners and the parties to whom they have offended, exhorting them to the uttermoſt of your cunning, to make reſtitution of their things falſely gotten, ſhewing them the burthen of conſcience depending thereupon. And that alſo they diſcloſe all ſuch other perſons as they know living, which by robbery or murther may hurt a common weale. And in all their extremes and ſickneſſes, ye ſhall

be diligent and ready to comfort them with the moſt pithy, and fruitfull ſentences of Gods moſt holy word.

And whatſoever perſon you ſhall perceive to have ſubſtance, and to be minded to beſtow ſomewhat thereof in deeds of charity, ye ſhall exhort him or them, to beſtow ſome part to the reliefe of the needy and diſeaſed perſons of this houſe. And of all ſuch gifts from time to time, to give knowledge to the Almoners or Scrutiners of this houſe.

And for as much as you are numbred among the Miniſters of Chriſts Church, yee ſhall therefore four times in the yeer at the leaſt, (that is to ſay) every quarter once, do ſuch ſervice in the ſaid Church as is requiſite for ſuch a Miniſter to do.

This is your charge, which ſee that ye do, and with any other thing ye are not charged.

The eſtimate of the yeerly charges of this Hoſpitall.

IT is firſt here to bee conſidered, that although the charges were very great to bring the endowment of the Hoſpitall into ſuch point as behoved, and to furniſh the houſe with neceſſary Implements and bedding for ſuch number (as hath been afore touched in the beginning) yet is there of all theſe charges, no parcell here under mentioned, but the yeerly expences onely, ſuſtained for the maintenance and continuance of the ſame. And albeit theſe charges following, be all and every of them ordinary, and of neceſſity, yet for that there is a difference in the certainty of the one and the other, they are divided

divided into two kindes, with theſe titles. Charges certain, and Charges uncertain.

Charges certain.

Are firſt the yeerly Wages and Fees of thoſe Officers and Servants, that neceſſarily ſerve and attend for the poor, as enſueth, and after them the charges of houſhold, Reparations, and ſuch like.

To the Hoſpitaller. x. l.
To the Renter-clerk. x. l.
To the Butler. vi.l.xiii.s.iiii.d.
To the Cook, for his meat, drink, and wages. vi.l.
To the Porter. vi.l.
To three Chirurgians. lx.l.
To eight Bedles. xxvi.l.xiii.s.iiii.d.
To theſe and to the other, for their liveries. x.l.
To the Matron, and twelve Siſters for their wages. xxvii.l.vi.s.viii.d.

To the Matron for her boord wages, at xviii. pence the week. iii.l.xviii.s.

To the xii. Siſters, for their boord wages at xvi.d. the week for every of them. xl.l.xii.s.

To the Matron for her livery. xiii.s.iiii.d.
To the Siſters for their liveries. vi.l.

To the Miniſters of Chriſts Church, by the Kings Majeſties aſſignment, that is to ſay, a Vicar, a Viſitour of *Newgate,* five Prieſts, two Clerks, and a Sexton, yeerly. C. and vi.l.

To the Miniſters of the Church within the Hoſpitall, by the ſame aſſignment, that is to ſay, to a Vicar, a Clerk and a Sexton. xxiii.l.vi.s.viii.d.

To certain men of Law and other perſons, given in Fees by the Kings ſaid Majeſty, yeerly by Patent. xxviii.l.iiii.s.

Charges of Houſhold.

For the Dyets of an C. perſons, at two pence the perſon for every day, iii.C.l.vi.s.viii.d.

For lxviii. load of Coals, at xvi.s. the load. liiii.l.viii.s.

For Wood yeerly. xxiiii.l.

For Candles yeerly. v.l.

For yeerly reparations of the Hoſpitall and Tenements, appertaining to the ſame. xl.l.

Sum of the Charges certain. { vii.C.lxxx. xviii. l.ii. s.

The charges uncertain (for as much as it cannot certainly be known to what they may amount) are here ſet forth without Sums, onely to ſignifie unto you, that there are many charges more to be conſidered, then certain account can be made of.

Charges uncertain.

For Shirts, Smocks, and other apparell for the poor, needfull, either at their comming in or departure. For Sugar and Spices for Cawdles for the ſick, Flax for Sheets, and Weaving of the ſame, Soltwich Cloth for winding Sheets, Bolls, Brooms, Baskets, Incenſe, Juniper, Aſhes to buck their Clothes. And alſo money given to the poor at their departure, which is meaſured ac-

according to their Journey and need. The which uncertain charges amounted one yeer to the ſum of lx.l.

So commeth the certain charges of this houſe yeerly, to the ſum of vii. C.lxxx. xviii.l. ii.s. beſides the uncertain expences, and other extraordinary charges, which cannot be rated, nay, accounted.

Toward the which is yeerly received by the endowment of the Kings Majeſty, iii. C. xxxiii. l. vi. s. viii. d. And by the like endowment of the City of *London*, iii. C. xxxiii. l. vi. s. viii. d. The which in the whole is, vi. C. lxvi. l. xiii. s. iiii. d.

So is the Hoſpitall charged yeerly of certain (beſides the uncertain expences) over and above the ſumme of their revenues, C. xxx. l. viii. s. viii. d.

Which onely riſeth of the charity of certain mercifull Citizens, for whoſe continuance with the encreaſe of moe, we earneſtly pray unto the fountain of mercy, Jeſus Chriſt, the Lord of all, to whom for ever appertain, the Kingdome, the power and the glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Thankſgiving unto Almighty God to be ſaid by the poor that are cured in the Hoſpitall, at the time of their delivery from thence, upon their knees in the Hall before the Hoſpitaler, and two Maſters of this Houſe at the leaſt.

And this the Hoſpitaler ſhall Charge them to learn without the Book, before they bee delivered.

WE magnifie and praiſe thee O Lord, that ſo mercifully and favourably haſt looked upon us miſerable and wretched ſinners, which ſo highly have offended thy divine Majeſty, that wee are not worthy to bee numbred among thy elect and choſen people: our ſins being great and grievous are daily before our eyes, we lament and be ſorry for them, & with ſorrowfull heart, and lamentable teares, we call and cry unto thee for mercy, Have mercy upon us O Lord, have mercy upon us, and according to thy great mercy, wipe away the multitude of our ſins, and grant us now O Lord, thy most holy and working ſpirit, that ſetting aſide all vice and idleneſs, we may in thy fear walk, and go forward in all vertue and godlineſs. And for that thou haſt moved O Lord, the hearts of godly men, and the Governours of this houſe, to ſhew their exceeding charity towards us, in curing of our maladies and diſeaſes, we yeeld moſt humble and

and hearty thanks to thy Majeſty, and ſhall inceſſantly laude and praiſe thy moſt holy and glorious name: Beſeeching thee, moſt gracious and mercifull Lord, according to thy holy word and promiſe, ſo to bleſs this thine own dwelling houſe, and the faithfull Miniſters thereof, that there be here found no lack, but that their riches and ſubſtance may encreaſe, that thy holy name may thereby bee the more praiſed and glorified, to whom be all laud, honour, and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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A Paſſe-port to be delivered to the *POORE.*

To all Mayors, Bailiffes, Conſtables, &c.

KNow ye that A. B. Taylour born in the Town of S. T. in the county of *Northampton*, being cured of his diſeaſe in the Hoſpitall of S. *Bartholomews* in Weſt *Smithfield* in *London*, and from thence delivered the 13. day of *Auguſt*, in the ſixt yeer of the Reign, &c. hath charge by us A. B. C. the Governours of the ſame to repair within dayes next enſuing the date hereof, to his ſaid place of nativity, or to *Weſthandfield*, the place of his laſt abode, and there to exhibite this preſent Paſſe-port to the head officer or officers, in either of the places appointed, that they may take further order for his demeanour.

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